

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OF GATEWAY TO L.A.  
CALIFORNIA NONPROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT CORPORATION  
Sept 10 , 2015**

The Board of Directors of Gateway to L.A., a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation was held on July 9, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at The Four Points by Sheraton located at 9750 Airport Blvd., Los Angeles.

22 individuals attended the meeting as follows:

- Grant Coonley, Hilton LAX
- Peter Kolla, Four Points by Sheraton
- Val Velasco, LAWA
- Paul Gibbs, Crowne Plaza
- Michael D'Amodio, Embassy Suites
- Steven Hall, Marriott
- Vince Buonocore, Marriott
- David Merritt, JM Eagle
- Todd Hartley, The Westin
- Fred Sutton, CD 11
- SLO Ruben Garcia, LAPD
- Brett Roberts, METRO
- Jessica Duboff, CD11
- APD SLO John Youngblood
- Pat Tomcheck, LAWA Planning
- Christina Davis, LAX Chamber
- Joan Anderson, EmpowerTech
- Chaplain Steve Weller
- Jonah Schnel, Timco CNG
- Tim Nelligan, Timco CNG
- Jim Sakalis, Gateway to L.A.
- Laurie Hughes, Gateway to L.A.

1. **WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS**

*Grant Coonley welcomed the attendees and introduced the special guests.*

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*No comments from the public.*

3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - July 9, 2015**

*The minutes of the July 9, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Directors meeting were approved as presented.*

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Laurie Hughes presented the Budget vs. Actual report for period ending June 30, 2015 reflecting total income of \$1,081,076.25 and total expenses of \$792,536.75. The financial report was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.*

## 5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Renewal approved by 82.13% vote of stakeholders.**

**Executive Committee approved a \$5,000 expenditure to contribute to homeless outreach efforts.**

**Met with LAWA Executive Director, Deborah Flint to discuss Gateway to L.A. projects and cooperation. Scheduling her to speak at upcoming board meeting.**

### **Holiday Lunch Concert - November 24 at the LAX Marriott**

LAPD: SLO Ruben Garcia is temporarily doing double duty, acting as SLO for both 14A67 & 14A74. Officer Garcia and Chaplin Steve Weller are doing community outreach each Wednesday in the PBID. During the third week of August, Chaplin Weller was able to place male individuals in shelters.

Ambassadors: Over the last month the ambassadors have been doing early morning (5:00am) patrols in the area of Residence Inn, 9841 Century Blvd, 24 hour Fitness and the surrounding area. They have made several contacts with a homeless female known to the ambassadors as Queen. The subject has refused help from the ambassadors on each contact. The subject is one of the homeless individuals we have been tracking. The information was passed along to both Officer Garcia and Chaplin Weller. Garcia and Weller will reach out to Miss Queen and try to get her in housing unit.

	Aug-14	Aug-15
Citizen Contacts	617	571
Panhandlers	151	241

The August 5<sup>th</sup> security director meeting was held at the Courtyard by Marriott hotel. There was a small group of eleven; all were PBID members with the exception of one police officer.

A distraction theft occurred at the Residence Inn, in the Starbucks. An email was sent to BID members along with photos for the suspect.

Ocean Express

	Aug-14	Aug-15	Total
Passenger Count	5,736	5,193	8% below first 9 months
Year to date	36,740	33,616	

Tickets Collected	5133
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Tickets Sold	6250
Free Riders	50

Shuttle #55 was involved in a minor accident with a parked car in Manhattan Beach. As a result, the side view mirror on the car was damaged. No one was injured. DSS has contacted the owner of the damaged vehicle. I have requested the contact information for the owner of the damaged vehicle and that Gateway is notified of the outcome.

Keep it Clean:

A Chrysalis maintenance worker LaShanda Brock was trained and worked 2 days in the PBID.

Vital Signs: The logos for the trash receptacles are printed and set for installation. Vital Sign installers are very busy and the logos will be installed as soon as possible.

Forms and Surfaces: 10 trash receptacle lids and hardware have been delivered and will be installed in the month of September.

**6. HOMELESS OUTREACH**

LAPD SLO Ruben Garcia and LAPD Chaplain Steven Weller shared details of their efforts in reaching out to the increasing homeless community in the Westchester / Manchester Square area.

**7. LAW UPDATE**

Transportation Engineer, Pat Tomcheck, briefed stakeholders on the plans to implement a single level busing system for the various shuttle industries (i.e. hotel, off-airport parking, car rental). The original start date has been delayed to the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2016 due to construction projects in the CTA.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- Joan Anderson / EmpowerTech informed stakeholders about the EmpowerTech Program and services that they offer which might be of benefit to Gateway to LA Businesses.